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2012 TASTE OF SUFFOLK STREET FESTIVAL

SUFFOLK, VA (August 30, 2012) Want to find great food, fabulous entertainment, and plenty of children's activities all within walking distance of each other? Take a bite out of the annual Taste of Suffolk street festival on Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in downtown Suffolk.

Taste of Suffolk is in its sixth year having attracted residents, as well as visitors, from all over Hampton Roads. The event site will be on Main Street and will stretch from Finney Avenue to Washington Street. Main Street will be lined with merchandise vendors displaying a variety of goods and services, restaurants from all over Suffolk presenting some of their specialty food items, and all day entertainment that is sure to get everyone on their feet.\

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Taste of Suffolk will feature some of Suffolk's best eateries offering a limited menu of their best cuisine offerings. Participating restaurants include U3C Italian Ice, Coldstone Creamery, The Broken Egg Bistro, C3Vino, The Catering Place, Al Forno Pizzeria, Island Krave/Jammin' Jerk BBQ, N'Dulge Eclectic Cuisine, Mosaic, Ricky and Roy's Catering, Divine Creations, Madigan's, Da'lish, The Baron's Pub/Amici's, Rosa's Coffee Cantina and Harper's Table. Tasty food offerings will feature pizza, Asian style ribs, pulled pork and beef, jerk chicken and pork, Italian ice, assorted cheeses, and cupcakes. Restaurants will be offering these items at minimal pricing, allowing event attendees to try food from some of Suffolk's best eateries. The hope is that those who taste the delicious dishes will want to come back to these great restaurants at a later date.

A variety of entertainment is scheduled for the Taste of Suffolk. This year's festival will feature three stages located at Washington Street, Market Street, and Finney Avenue.

Finney Avenue Stage Schedule

11 a.m.	Peanut City Cloggers
12:15 p.m.	C-Shells, local children's duo
2 p.m.	The Boys, acapella quintet of Suffolk young men
3 p.m.	Beauty for Ashes Dance and Theatre Company
4:15 p.m.	Mosaic Steel Pan Drum Orchestra, presented by the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts

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Washington Street Stage

12:45 p.m. Deloreans, 80's music

2:30 p.m. Tailgate Down, contemporary country music

4-5:45 p.m. Strickly Bizzness, dance music

Market Street Stage

12 p.m. Ju Ju Drum, drumming workshop

1 p.m. Ju Ju Drum, drumming workshop

2-2:30 p.m. The Foster's, Suffolk family trio

3:30 p.m. Nadia and her students, belly dance demonstration

The Suffolk Art League will host an exhibit of student art work and will have a hands-on booth where participants can make Suffolk Spirit Flags. These flags will be strung together and used to create an interactive installation art piece to be displayed at Taste of Suffolk as well as the Suffolk Peanut Festival. Groups of students as well as individuals can make flags of their own at Taste of Suffolk. Groups interested should contact the Suffolk Art League at 757-925-0448 to confirm there will be enough space.

Various foods related contests will be held throughout the day to include the first Buffalo Wild wings Hot Wing Challenge which will be held at the Washington Street Stage at 2:15 p.m. There will also be a jalapeno eating contest and additional contests for children. Those who are interested in participating in the adult eating contests can sign up at the Information Tent. Those interested in participating in the children's contests can sign up at the Children's Area Information Tent. For contest times and further information, call Jason Pittman at 757-514-7268.

The Taste of Suffolk Children's Area once again will be at the First Baptist Church parking lot on Main Street. The kid's area will have bounce houses, clowns and face painters, a rock climbing wall, trackless train ride, a fun bubble activity and a recycled craft activity with the Scrap Exchange. Costume characters will stroll throughout the site during the day and a petting zoo will be at the Ordezo Fountain area, located beside the Courthouse, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Nearly thirty vendors will be onsite featuring everything from home improvement items to handmade fabric pieces to decorative items. A new car exhibition featuring cars from Duke Automotive, Starr Motors, and Mike Duman auto sales will be onsite showing cars that are available for sale.

There will be plenty of free parking lots surrounding the event site. These free parking areas are Cherry Street parking lot located off of Saratoga Street, the Saratoga Street Parking lot, Godwin courts building parking lot, Market Park parking lot and the Prentis Street Parking lot. Roads will be blocked for the festival beginning at 5:30 a.m. Road closures will be at Finney Avenue and North Main Street, Oakdale Terrace, Freemason Street and Finney Avenue, Market Street at Washington Street, and Bank Street at Commerce Street. The roads will reopen at 8:00 p.m. Shuttles for parking will not be available

Taste of Suffolk is sponsored by Suffolk Economic Development Authority, Suffolk Parks & Recreation, TowneBank, Pender & Coward, and Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. Organizers would like to thank First Baptist Church, Buffalo Wild Wings, Suffolk Christian Church, and the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, and Suffolk Art League.

For more information, visit www.suffolkva.us/TasteofSuffolk.

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